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SUBJECT: SECRETARY DENT'S VISIT

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY STAFF, ROMANIAN OFFICIALS HAVE RAISED FOLLOWING TOPICS WITH INDICATION THAT THEY WILL BE BROUGHT UP AGAIN DURING MEETING OF JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION.

2. DURING COURTESY CALL BY AMBASSADOR ON PRESIDENT COUNSELOR VASILE PUNGAN MARCH 2, PUNGAN STRESSED NEED TO FOCUS ON INTERIM MEASURES TO EXPAND TRADE PENDING GRANTING OF MFN. THE ROMANIANS WOULD SUGGEST SOME REALISTIC STEPS, PUNGAN SAID; AND IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THE US SIDE WOULD ALSO CONSIDER WHAT CAN BE DONE. IN PARTICULAR HE SPOKE OF FINDING NEW CREDIT POSSIBILITIES, NOTING RUEFULLY THAT CCC CREDITS WERE NO LONGER AVAILABLE. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE THE CREATION OF A JOINT US-ROMANIAN BANK,
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WHICH COULD FINANCE COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS AND JOINT VENTURES

DESIGNED TO EXPORT TO THIRD-COUNTRY MARKETS.

3. WITH REGARD TO CREDIT ISSUE IN GENERAL, AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT WE DO NOT SEE POSSIBILITIES OF EXTENDING US CREDITS TO ROMANIA OUTSIDE NORMAL CHANNELS SUCH AS EXIMBANK. ONE NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THAT CONNECTION WAS THAT DURING RECENT VISIT BY EXIMBANK VICE PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSION OF EXIM'S PROGRAM FOR PROPOSALS UNDER \$1 MILLION IN WHICH ROMANIAN SIDE HAD SHOWN INTEREST.

4. DURING COURTESY CALL BY AMBASSADOR MARCH 4, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ANGELO MICULESCU INQUIRED AS TO POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION BY ROMANIAN SPECIALISTS IN PROJECTS CARRIED OUT BY US FIRMS AND USAID IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, POINTING OUT THAT ROMANIA HAS AMPLE SUPPLY OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN SUCH FIELDS AS IRRIGATION AND LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT, WHO COULD SERVE AT LOWER SALARIES THAN COMPARABLE AMERICAN SPECIALISTS.

5. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS POINTED OUT THAT JCC WILL NOT BE IN POSITION TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSION OF US EXPORT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, ROMANIANS HAVE INDICATED INTENTION TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT UNDER HEADING OF "NON-TARIFF BARRIERS", ALTHOUGH PUNGAN ALLOWED THERE WERE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA. UNDER THIS HEADING THEY HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED INTENTION TO DISCUSS US HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD PRODUCTS, ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS, AND CUSTOMS FEES AND FORMALITIES. ADDITIONAL SUBJECT WILL BE INSTITUTION OF ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST WELT WORK SHOES. ROMANIANS ALSO LIKELY TO RAISE QUESTION OF COAST GUARD DETENTION OF ROMANIAN FISHING VESSEL IF MATTER NOT RESOLVED BY THEN.

6. WE FEEL IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR SECRETARY DENT TO HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT SOME POINT DURING HIS VISIT. MOST APPROPRIATE TIME APPEARS TO BE SATURDAY, APRIL 13 FOLLOWING CLOSING PLENARY SESSION OF JCC. WOULD THIS ACCORD WITH SECRETARY DENT'S WISHES?
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